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I. AT APPROXIMATELY 5:50 P.M. ON 12 OCTOBER A TAPE RECORDING OF A SPEECH BY LEON VILARIN, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF TRUCK OWNERS, MADE AT THE SANTIAGO JAIL, WAS BROADCAST OVER THE SANTIAGO CHAIN OF OPPOSITION RADIO STATIONS. VILARIN STATED HE WAS REMAINING FIRM IN HIS STRIKE DECISION AND CALLED UPON THOSE CONFEDERATION MEMBERS WHO STILL REMAIN FREE FROM CUSTODY TO BE EQUALLY FIRM. HE ALSO CALLED UPON OTHER UNIONS, ESPECIALLY THE TAXI DRIVERS, TO DECLARE SYMPATHY STRIKES. VILARIN SEVERELY ATTACKED THE POPULAR UNITY (U.P.) GOVERNMENT, CHARGING THAT ITS ACTIONS HAD PROVOKED THE TRUCK OWNERS' STRIKE. VILARIN CALLED UPON

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PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO
~~RESOLVE THE SITUATION, INCLUDING THE AGREEMENT TO THE SEVEN POINTS~~
OF PROTEST WHICH THE TRUCK OWNERS HAD SUBMITTED AND THE DISMISSAL
OF THOSE MINISTERS WHO ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT
SITUATION. ~~_____~~

2. AT 6:05 P.M. ON 12 OCTOBER THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION OF
THE PRESIDENCY (OIR) BROADCAST OVER NATIONAL RADIO HOOK-UP THE
DECREE SIGNED BY GENERAL HECTOR BRAVO, CHIEF OF THE SANTIAGO
EMERGENCY ZONE, RESTRICTING CIVIL LIBERTIES. AMONG THE POINTS IN
THE DECREE WERE: A) PROHIBITION OF PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS; B)
WARNING TO THE NEWS MEDIA TO REFRAIN FROM ALARMIST AND TENDEN-
TIOUS NEWS REPORTING; C) PROHIBITION AGAINST CARRYING WEAPONS OF ANY
KIND; D) INTENTION OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO PUBLIC ROADS;
AND E) REQUEST FOR THE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF SANTIAGO CITIZENS
FOR THE MEASURES DECREED BY THE CHIEF OF THE EMERGENCY ZONE.

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3. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OIR THEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE
PRICE AND SUPPLY JUNTAS (JAPS) WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO OPEN ANY
BUSINESS ILLEGALLY CLOSED AS A RESULT OF A STRIKE THE MORNING OF
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4. THE TREASURER OF THE FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS OF CHILE (FECH) SPOKE OVER NATIONAL RADIO HOOK-UP AFTER THE PRESENTATION BY THE OIR REPRESENTATIVE. HE CALLED UPON THE STUDENTS OF THE FECH TO REPORT TO 120 TEATINDS STREET IN SANTIAGO THE MORNING OF 13 OCTOBER IN ORDER TO OPERATE THE TRUCKS WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPOUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE SELF-DEFENSE UNITS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) HAVE BEEN PUT ON ALERT STATUS, AS THEY WERE DURING THE ACUTE POLITICAL CRISIS OVER THE CHILEAN INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAYS. IT APPEARS THAT THE LINES ARE BEING SHARPLY DRAWN BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE OCCURRING THE MORNING OF 13 OCTOBER IF THE JAPS ATTEMPT TO FORCE OPEN SANTIAGO BUSINESSES AND THE FECH STUDENTS BEGIN TO DRIVE THE IMPOUNDED TRUCKS. THE SITUATION AS IT HAS DEVELOPED IN THE PAST 24 HOURS HAS UNDOUBTEDLY PUT PRESSURE ON THE CHILEAN MILITARY, AND THE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE AND A SUCCESSFUL COMMERCIAL STRIKE WILL ADD TO THAT PRESSURE. REFERENCE IS DRAWN TO [REDACTED]

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THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION WAS VERY DELICATE AND THAT A NATIONAL
STRIKE OF TWO DAYS COULD BE SUFFICIENT TO INDUCE THE ARMED FORCES
TO TAKE OVER THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT, A DEVELOPMENT WHICH [REDACTED]
SAID HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE AT THIS TIME. [REDACTED]

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